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SAT Scores for R.I. Public-School Seniors Rise by 7 Points

The SAT scores for public-school students in Rhode Island rose by 7 points this year, as the mean verbal score rose 2 points to 495 and the mean mathematics score rose 5 points to 501, according to results released today (Aug. 30th) by the College Board.

The mathematics scores have been increasing steadily for the past decade, having risen by 15 points since 1995.

Scores for all Rhode Island high-school seniors were up by 3 points, remaining steady in the verbal test at 503 and rising by 3 points in mathematics to 505.

The public-school participation rate dropped one point, to 61 percent. Rhode Island ranks 13th in the nation on its participation rate among public-school students. (The actual number of test-takers increased by 4.1 percent, to 5,939.)

“I am quite pleased with the steady improvement in the SAT scores in Rhode Island,” said Peter McWalters, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. “This improvement is particularly noteworthy because of our high participation rate. More of our high-school students, particularly from racial and ethnic minorities, are considering going on to college. Many of these students in the past have not had access to college preparation – but this is changing. We expect our test scores to continue to improve in coming years.”

In fact, the increase in the 2005 scores was driven in part by dramatic improvements among Latino students. More Latino students took the SATs (up by 12.6 percent), and their scores improved by a total of 37 points. Participation among black students increased by 19.2 percent, and their scores improved by 6 points.

The SATs, administered by the College Board, are voluntary tests that are used as a criterion for college admissions. Each is scored on a scale of 200 to 800 points. Nationwide, among public-school students the scores were 505 for the verbal test and 515 for mathematics, an increase of 3 points. The participation rate was 41 percent.

Last year, the R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) began a program under which RIDE paid all testing fees for any district that required all juniors to take the PSAT exam. The PSAT, a preparatory test for the SAT, generally leads to better student scores on the SAT exam, according to the College Board.

As a result of this RIDE program, the PSAT participation rate increased by 61.7 percent among juniors and 144.6 percent among sophomores.

A list of scores by public high school will be posted on the RIDE website, are attached.

SAT SCORES OF RI PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS BY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2005

DISTRICT	SCHOOL		# TEST TAKERS	SAT SCORES		
	CODE	NAME		MATH	VERBAL	TOTAL
RHODE ISLAND	0	RHODE ISLAND	5918	500.82	494.54	995.36
Barrington	1106	Barrington HS	234	568.21	559.91	1128.12
Block Island	22101	Block Island School	NA	NA	NA	NA
Bristol-Warren	96107	Mt. Hope HS	148	495.95	487.50	983.45
Burrillville	3109	Burrillville HS	89	517.42	506.97	1024.38
Central Falls	4108	Central Falls JR-SR HS	60	405.67	411.83	817.50
Chariho	98101	Chariho HS	167	527.25	524.91	1052.16
Coventry	6119	Coventry HS	252	514.96	506.19	1021.15
Cranston	7113	Cranston HS-E	173	509.48	497.57	1007.05
Cranston	7126	Cranston HS-W	277	516.61	509.89	1026.50
Cumberland	8114	Cumberland HS	228	527.46	511.58	1039.04
Davies Technical	17701	Davies Technical	30	494.00	471.00	965.00
East Greenwich	9106	East Greenwich HS	158	574.24	567.59	1141.84
East Providence	10112	East Prov. HS	247	462.63	454.82	917.45
Exeter-W. Greenwich	97106	E-WG HS	90	520.78	519.11	1039.89
Foster-Glocester	99102	Ponaganset HS	148	524.73	523.18	1047.91
Johnston	16112	Johnston Sr HS	92	460.76	449.35	910.11
Lincoln	17110	Lincoln Sr HS	174	520.92	528.22	1049.14
Metro Career & Tech Ctr	28703	Metropolitan Career & Tech	6	NA	NA	NA
Middletown	19111	Middletown High School	111	523.15	526.67	1049.82
Narragansett	20104	Narragansett HS	78	533.21	531.41	1064.62
Newport	21111	Rogers HS	101	478.02	477.43	955.45
North Kingstown	23108	N. Kingstown Sr HS	284	547.11	532.01	1079.12
North Providence	24105	N. Prov. HS	131	471.53	476.72	948.24
North Smithfield	25108	N. Smithfield Jr-Sr HS	82	519.02	518.41	1037.44
Pawtucket	26105	William Tolman Sr HS	133	472.71	460.15	932.86
Pawtucket	26118	Shea SHS	86	451.28	435.93	887.21
Portsmouth	27106	Portsmouth HS	145	531.79	534.34	1066.14
Providence	28139	Central HS	110	366.27	357.64	723.91
Providence	28149	Hope HS	112	349.29	356.16	705.45
Providence	28150	Mount Pleasant HS	149	367.79	366.91	734.70
Providence	28164	Classical HS	265	522.60	518.04	1040.64
Providence	28168	Alternate Learning	10	327.00	341.00	668.00
Providence	28178	Textron Academy	32	383.13	342.50	725.63
Providence	28179	Feinstein HS	64	349.38	349.06	698.44
Providence	28184	Providence Place Academy	4	NA	NA	NA
Scituate	30104	Scituate HS	67	535.37	531.79	1067.16
Smithfield	31107	Smithfield SHS	137	534.82	517.81	1052.63
South Kingstown	32108	S. Kingstown HS	247	547.81	531.58	1079.39

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Tiverton	33108	Tiverton HS	114	498.95	495.18	994.12
Warwick	35130	Warwick Veterans Memorial HS	146	504.59	487.74	992.33
Warwick	35134	Pilgrim HS	158	490.82	483.16	973.99
Warwick	35138	Toll Gate HS	184	524.18	516.09	1040.27
West Warwick	38106	West Warwick SHS	81	500.62	512.10	1012.72
Westerly	36104	Westerly HS	159	499.87	512.08	1011.95
Woonsocket	39123	Woonsocket HS	150	455.80	448.07	903.87
		Note: NA = Fewer than 10 seniors/test-takers; data not reported to protect student privacy				